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Re: Application of: HASHMI, Syed, et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the enclosed abstract to the application as page number 28.

IN THE CLAIMS.

Please **delete** claims 20 and 21 without prejudice.

Please **amend** the claims as follows:

ai 3.(Amended) The composition of claim 2, comprising either or both of a green-lipped mussel extract (GLME) and a pharmaceutically active green lipped mussel product, in combination with any one or more of: shark cartilage, pharmacologically active shark extract, and chondroitin sulphate.